

**Abstract**

The invention relates to an internal combustion engine having pressure lubrication according to the dry sump principle, in particular for an opposed cylinder engine, having a crankcase in which an oil suction space (dry sump) is formed in the lower part, the lubricant oil being conveyed from the oil suction space to an oil supply container (wet sump) via an oil return pump equipped with an oil suction line, while the lubricant oil in the oil supply tank and/or in the oil supply space is conveyed to the consumer via a main delivery pump. It is proposed that an annular space (32, 34) arranged around the cylinder be provided as part of the oil returned to the oil supply tank (16, 18).

(FIG 1)